mittee held in October 1987, France agreed to support the Indian position for improved access to the EEC markets in respect of some products of export interest to India as well as to help in the product development in some of the selected sectors.

(c) The bilateral trade turn-over during the last few years has been as follows:

(Rs. crores)

	Imports from France	Export to France	Trade balance
1984-85	346·72	201·81	—144·91
1985-86*	572·71	195·19	—377·52
1986-87*	668 76	274 26	—394 50
1987-88*	243 37	81 31	—162·06
(April-June) 1987-88* (April-June)	151 65	51 21	—100 44

*Provisional.

(d) Implementation of different proposals agreed upon at the last Joint Committee meeting holds out a possibility of the bilateral trade imbalance being considerably redressed.

Pension Cases of Freedom Fighters of Orissa

1701. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pension cases of freedom fighters from Orissa pending with his Ministry;

(b) what is the number of such cases which have been pending for more than three years and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken for their speedy disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) During the special drive in July-August last year, all pending cases except 19 from Orissa were disposed of. However, these 19 cases havve also snce been disposed of. Some of the cases which were rejected have filed applications for review.

Border Dispute between Orissa and Andhra Pradesh

1702. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the border dispute between Orissa and Andhra Pradesh in respect of 140 Orissa villages known as Kutia group of villages still exists: and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government to resolve the ssue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The Government of Orissa had filed a sut in the Supreme Court

under artice 131 of the Constitution against the State of Andhra Pradesh urging its territorial claim in respect of Kotia group of villages near the inter-State boundary. The Central Government is not a party to this suit.

Pensionary Benefits and Maternity Leave for Agricultural Labour

1703. SHRI AJIT P K. JOGI. Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any schemes for granting (i) pensionary benefits and (ii) maternity leave with pay for the agricultural labourers all over the country;

(b) what would be the financial implications thereof and whether additional grants would be made available to the State Governments/Union Territories for the same; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any fresh measures for the welfare of the agricultural workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal for the present.

Ladakh Ecological Centre

1704 SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain foreign agencies have set up an Ecological Centre at Ladakh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that foreign money keeps flowing into the Centre;

(c) whether the Centre manned and financed by foreigners involves any security risks in view of its being in a strategic area; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (d) Information is being gathered and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Traffic Management by Delhi Trafic Police

1705. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the shocking state of control and management of traffic by Delhi Traffic Police as reflected in the report on DTC drivers brought out in Mid-Day of 3rd November, 1987;

(b) what is the total strength of Delhi traffic police and what is the break-up of different types of duties performed by them;

(c) whether a Traffic Consultative Committee will be set up with representatives from independent voluntary agencies; and

(d) what is the outcome of free DTC passes issued for checking mismanagement by the DTC drivers and what is the number and names and performance of the persons who were issued these passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The news report has been seen.

(b) The total sanctioned strength of the Delhi Traffic Police is 1645. The traffic police is engaged on the duty of regulating traffic and apprehending traffic offenders.

(c) A Committee, with representatives of the Traffic Police, the local bodies,